

MINUTES
OF THE
SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF
Ladies Aid Societies
OF THE
FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF TENNESSEE
WHICH CONVENED WITH
Rock Spring Church
DICKSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE
August 3-4, 1927

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

WEDNESDAY

- 1—Devotional Exercises.
- 2—Roll Call
- 3—Appointment of Committees
- 4—Reading Letters of Petitions and Requests.
- 5—Reading reports from Societies.
- 6—Reading of various Reports.
- 7—Miscellaneous Business.
- 8—Adjournment.

THURSDAY

- 1—Devotional Exercises
- 2—Roll Call.
- 3—Reading minutes of previous day.
- 4—Reading reports of Societies and Committees.
- 5—Adjournment for Lunch.
- 6—Devotional Exercises
- 7—Roll Call.
- 8—Various reports
- 9—Miscellaneous business
- 10—Election of Officers
- 11—Adjournment.

PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The Seventh Annual Convention of Ladies Aid Societies of Free Will Baptist of Tennessee, met with Rock Spring Church, Dickson County, Tenn. August 3-4, 1927.

The Convention was called to order by the President, Mrs. Fred Polston. The session opened with hymn 187, after which Mrs. Fred Polston led the devotional exercises, reading from the 13th chapter of John. Prayer led by Mrs. W. E. Felts.

Welcome Address by Rev. W. B. Davenport. Response by Mrs. J. E. Hudgens.

Enrollment of ministers. The following responding, Rev. D. T. Armstrong, J. E. Hudgens, J. L. Welch, J. H. Olliver, W. H. Olliver, L. E. Ballard, and W. B. Davenport.

By motion the time set for business hours was from 9:30 A. M. to 11:30 A. M. then adjourn for lunch, meeting again at 1 o'clock P. M. and adjourning at 3:30 P. M.

Song 163 by the Convention. Rev. W. H. Olliver gave a splendid address on Temperance, after which adjournment was taken for lunch. Benediction by Mrs. Ed. Parker.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Song and praise service led by Rev. W. H. Olliver. Devotionalled by Miss Ethel Leigh. Scripture lesson from Rev. III. chapter, verses 1-8. Prayer led by Rev. L. E. Ballard. Roll called, and a quorum being present the president declared the house open for business. Minutes of Wednesday morning read and approved.

The following societies were represented by letter or delegates:

Ashland City, Bethel, Bethlehem, Coffers Chapel, East Nashville, Dunbar Chapel, Heads, Sweet Home, Shady Grove, New Hope, and Oak Lawn.

The following societies were not represented:

Columbia, Gorman, Oak Wood, Spring Hill, Mt. Zion, Brandons Chapel, Pleasant Hill.

By motion the chair appointed the following committees:

Resolutions:—Miss Pinkie Hudgens, Chm., Mrs. W. D. Bradford.

Obituaries:—Miss Gladys Felts, Chm., Miss Katherine Groves, Mrs. Dony Layne.

Petitions and Requests:—Mrs. J. L. Welch, Chm., Mrs. Herman Webb, Mrs. R. P. Frazier.

All ministers present were granted five minutes in which to express themselves regarding the work of the Ladies Aid Society. The following ministers responded: Rev. D. T. Armstrong, W. B. Davenport, W. H. Olliver, L. E. Ballard, J. L. Welch and J. H. Olliver. L. O. Burrough, State Superintendent of Sunday School Work, made an interesting talk on the Needs of Sunday Schools.

Reports from standing committees called for and received as follows; Reports of Executive Committee, read and approved. Report of Look Out committee, read and adopted, by motion this committee was retained and granted further time. Report of State Organizer, read and adopted. Report of Corresponding Secretary read and adopted. Reports from Superintendents of Department Work, read and adopted. Manuscript for Manual read and adopted, by motion the State Convention pay half of the expense for the manual.

Song. Address by Miss Pinkie Hudgens on Missions, which was very interesting.

On motion the house adjourned to meet Thursday morning at 9:30 A. M. Benediction by Miss Ethel Leigh.

Sermon at 8:00 o'clock P. M. by Rev. D. T. Armstrong, his text being from Romans XII. chapter.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The Convention came together at 9:30 A. M. Thursday. Song service led by Rev. W. H. Olliver. Devotional conducted by Mrs. Miles Gower, reading from John III. chapter. Prayer led by Mrs. H. V. Slack.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the president declared the house open for business. Reports from the societies were called for and received as follows:

REPORT FROM SOCIETIES

COFFER'S CHAPEL

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members on roll first of year.....	38
Number of members enrolled during the year.....	22
Number of members who have ceased to affiliate.....	27
Total in good standing	33

Financial Report.

Amount on hand first of year	\$374.75
Collected during the year.....	356 65
Total	<u>\$731.40</u>

Disbursements

E. and O. Campaign	200.00
Convention dues ..	8.25
Minutes of State Convention.....	3.00
Other expenses.....	352.30
Total Disbursements.....	<u>\$563.55</u>
Balance on hand close of the year	167 85
Visits to see the sick 2023	
Attendance calls 580.	
Prayer Services held 16.	
Charity calls 3	

CHARITABLE WORK

\$36 35 in cash, \$82 48 in groceries, 2 baskets of groceries, 6 baskets of fruit, 54 cans of fruit, 1 box of candy, 58 trays, 51 bushels of coal, 2 loads of kindling, 2 baskets of flowers, 307 articles of clothes and bedding, 35 pairs of shoes, 1 doll.

ROCK SPRINGS.

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members on roll first of year	17
Number of members enrolled during year.....	7
Number of members who have died	0
Number of members who have ceased to affiliate.....	0
Total number in good standing.....	24

Financial Report.

Amount on hand first of year	\$24 99
Collected during the year.....	138.02
Total	<u>\$163.01</u>

Disbursements

Paid to Orphanage Campaign	\$64.94
Minutes of State Convention	2.00
Convention dues	5.00
Other expenses	64.57
Total	<u>\$136 51</u>
Balance on hand close of year.....	26.50

EAST NASHVILLE

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members on roll first of year.....	21
Number of members enrolled during the year.....	6
Number of members who have ceased to affiliate....	3
Total number in good standing.....	24

Financial Report.

Amount on hand first of the year.....	\$
Collected during the year.....	1125.33

Disbursements

Minutes of State Convention.....	2 00
Convention Dues	6 00
Other expenses	346 78

Total	354 78
Balance on hand close of year.....	770 55
Amount on hand paid into building fund	
Visits in interest of Society 143.	

BETHEL

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members an roll at first of year.....	10
Number of members enrolled during the year.....	2
Number of members who have died during the year..	0
Number of members who have ceased to affiliate....	2
Total number in good standing... ..	10

Financial Report.

Amount on hand at first of year.....	\$17 68
Collected during the year.....	175.49
Total.....	\$193.12

Disbursements

Convention dues	2 50
Minutes of State Convention	1 00
Other expenses....	174 73
Total	\$178 23
Balance on hand at close of year.....	14 89

OAK LAWN

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members on roll first of year.....	12
Number of members enrolled during the year.....	4
Number of members who have died during the year.....	0
Number of members who have ceased to affiliate.....	0
Total number in good standing	19

Financial Report.

Amount on hand first of the year.....	\$1621.6
Collected during the year.....	160.85
Total	<u>323.01</u>

Disbursements

Paid on E. and O. Campaign,	2 00
Minutes of State Convention.....	4.00
Convention Dues,.....	80 50
Other expenses.....	<u>86 50</u>
Total	236.51
Balance on hand at close of year.....	
Visits to the sick 200.	

NEW HOPE.

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members on roll at first of year.....	22
Number of members enrolled during the year.....	2
Number of members who have died during the year....	0
Number of members who have ceased to affiliate.....	8
Total number in good standing.....	16

Financial Report.

Amount on hand first of the year.....	\$22.43
Collected during the year.....	93.44
Total	<u>115.87</u>

Disbursements.

Convention Dues.....	\$5.00
Minutes of State Convention	2.00
Other expenses.....	97.25
Total	<u>104.25</u>
Balance on hand at close of year	\$11.62
Visits to see the sick 230.	

SWEET HOME.

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members on roll first of the year.....	15
Number of members enrolled during the year.....	1
Number of members who have died during the year....	0
Number of members who have ceased to affiliate.....	2
Total number in good standing.....	14

Financial Report

Amount on hand at first of the year.....	\$114.52
Collected during the year.....	48.25
Total	<u>162.77</u>

Disbursements

Convention dues ..	3.00
Minutes of State Convention.....	1.00
Other expenses.....	22 36
E. and O. Campaign	130 00
Total Disbursements.....	<u>\$156 37</u>
Balance on hand close of the year	6 41

BETHLEHEM

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members on roll first of year	37
Number of members enrolled during year.....	6
Number of members who have died	0
Number of members who have ceased to affiliate.....	3
Total number in good standing	40

Financial Report.

Amount on hand first of year	\$ 65 09
Collected during the year.....	158.74
Total	<u>\$223 83</u>

Disbursements

Convention dues.....	4.00
Minutes of State Convention.....	2.00
Other expenses.....	93 35
Total	<u>\$ 99 35</u>
Balance on hand close of year.....	123.48

HEADS

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members on roll first of year.....	25
Number of members who have died during the year.....	1
Number of members who have ceased to affiliate.....	4
Total in good standing	20

Financial Report.

Amount on hand first of year	\$.67
Collected during the year.....	67 48
Total	<u>\$ 68 15</u>

Disbursements

Paid to Orphanage Campaign.....	\$ 31.50
Minutes of State Convention.....	1.00
Convention Dues.....	5 50
Other expenses	17 50
Total	<u>55 50</u>
Balance on hand close of year.....	12.65

ASHLAND CITY

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members on roll first of year.....	18
Number of members enrolled during the year.....	1
Total number in good standing.....	19

Financial Report.

Amount on hand first of the year.....	\$ 67.48
Collected during the year.....	139.52
Total.....	<u>\$207.00</u>

Disbursements

Missions	16.00
Paid on E. and O. Campaign.....	22 40
Minutes of State Convention.....	2 00
Convention Dues.....	4.00
Other expenses.....	142 00
To the poor.....	<u>10.00</u>
Total	196 40
Balance on hand at close of year.....	\$ 10 60
Visits to the sick 113.	
Baskets to the poor 6.	

DUNBAR CHAPEL

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members on roll at first of year.....	18
Number of members enrolled during the year.....	2
Number of members who have ceased to affiliate.....	6
Total number in good standing.....	14

Financial Report.

Amount on hand first of the year.....	\$24.41
Collected during the year.....	60.00
Total	<u>84.41</u>

Disbursements.

Paid on E. and O. Campaign.....	7 00
Convention Dues.....	\$3.50
Minutes of State Convention	2.00
Other expenses.....	<u>40.00</u>
Total	25.50
Balance on hand at close of year.....	\$ 31.91

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Obituaries

We the committee on obituaries submit the following, Where as, God in his all wise providence, saw fit to remove from this earthly home to that Heavenly Home above he soul of our beloved sister, Gladys Gower; Be it Therefore Resolved:

1st. That the Ladies Aid Society of Heads Church, keenly feels the loss of a consecrated christian and faithful member of the society.

2nd That while we mourn the untimely death of our deceased sister, we cheerfully submit her to the hands of an all wise Being, glorious in his works

3rd. That we can say like Paul of old, "She has finished her work, and kept the faith, henceforth she has gone to received her crown of righteousness".

4th That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the State Convention.

MISS GLADYS FELTS
MISS KATHERN GROVES
MRS. DONY LAYNE,
Committee.

Petitions and Requests

We your committee on petitions and requests submit the following:

We regret we have not letters petitionary for admission into the Convention. We hope our people have been so inspired that there will be many new ones to enter next year. Heads Church has asked for the next session of the Convention and we recommend that we meet with that church,

MRS. HERMAN WEBB
MRS. J. L. WELCH
MRS. R. P. FRAZIER.
Committee.

STATE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR ORPHANAGE FUND.

By Amount due fund Oct. 6. 1926.....	\$3,674.27
By Amount from public collection.....	22.50
By Amount from Dunbars Chapel	5.00
By Amount from G. W. Fambrough, Treasurer.....	148.54
By Amount from Rock Spring.....	65.09
By Amount from New Hope.....	50.00
By Amount from Bethel.....	7.36
By Amount from G. W. Fambrough.....	28.57
By Amount from Ashland City.....	22.43
By Amount from Sweet Home	130.00
By Amount from Heads.....	31.50

By Amount from Dunbars Chapel.....	7.00
By Amount from G. W. Fambrough	57.14
Freewill Offering.....	26.13
Amount on hand August 3, 1927.....	\$4,275 53

TREASURER'S REPORT ON CONVENTION FUNDS

From October 1926, to August 1927.

To amount on hand October 9, 1926.....	\$ 77.75
August 3, 1927, amount:	
From Ashland City.....	6.00
From Heads.....	6.50
From Coffey's Chapel.....	11.26
From Oak Lawn.....	6.00
From Dunbars Chapel.....	5.50
From Bethlehem.....	6.00
From Rock Spring.....	7 00
From Bethel	3.50
From Shady Grove.....	2.75
From New Hope.....	7.00
From East Nashville.....	8.00
From Sweet Home.....	4 00
Total Receipts.....	\$ 151 25

Disbursements.

By Amount to F. W. B. Press.....	24.00
By Amount to Miss Mary Patton.....	6.50
Total Disbursements.....	30.50
August 3, 1927, balance on hand.....	\$ 120.75

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. E. HUDGENS, Treas.

The above reports were adopted.

The following addresses were greatly enjoyed by the Convention. "Tithing and Stewardship," by John A. Olliver, "Sunday School," by Mrs. J. L. Welch and Mrs. Pearl Reynolds, Duet by Mrs. W. M. White and Mrs. J. L. Welch. The Convention adjourned to meet at 1:30 P. M. Benediction by Mrs. Rose Nunley.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The session opened with hymn 118, after which Miss Annie Gower led a beautiful and impressive devotional service, reading the 23rd Psalm. Prayer led by Mrs. J. L. Welch.

Roll call showed that a quorum was present. Minutes of the Thursday morning session were read and approved.

A motion, that we go into the selection of a place for our next annual meeting, was made and carried. Petitions were taken up and it was carried to Heads Church Robertson County, Tennessee.

The motion was made and carried that we enter into the election of officers for the ensuing year. The following were elected: Mrs. Fred Polston, President; Mrs. John Boyte, Vice President; Miss Mary Patton, Recording Secretary; Mrs. W. L. Ray, Assistant Recording Secretary; Mrs. H. V. Slack, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Ed Parker, Organizer; Mrs. J. E. Hudgens, Treasurer.

The following were appointed members of the Executive Committee: Mrs. J. L. Welch, Miss Katherine Groves, Mrs. John Nicholson, Mrs. W. E. Felts, Mrs. James Shores.

By motion Mrs. J. L. Welch was appointed to represent the State Convention in the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with Oak Wood Church, Cheatham County Tennessee on October 19, 20 and 21, 1927.

A general discussion on the Orphanage work was led by Mrs. J. W. Boyte, Superintendent of Orphanage Work. Reading by Malloy Patterson. Special message in song by W. H. Olliver. The free will offering was taken at this time and the amount received was \$26.13.

The secretary was asked to transcribe and superintend the printing of the minutes of the Convention, all expenses to be paid by the State Treasurer.

The following report was handed in by the committee on Resolutions;

Be it resolved that we the committee on resolutions of the Ladies Aid Convention, extend to the local Ladies Aid Society of Rock Springs Church, our sincere thanks for their hearty welcome and cordial hospitality shown us during this convention; Be it Resolved that we give a rising vote of thanks to our presiding officer, Mrs. Fred Polston, for her decided interest and untiring efforts in our behalf.

MISS PINKIE HUDGENS
MRS. W. D. BRADFORD.

Committee.

Adjourned to meet with Heads Church, the first Wednesday in August, 1928. Benediction by W. H. Olliver.

MRS. FRED POLSTON, President.

318 Woodland Street, Nashville, Tenn.

MISS MARY PATTON, Secretary.

Ashland City, Tenn.

FORM OF LETTER,

We, the Ladies Aid Society of Church at
..... to the State Convention of Ladies Aid Societies of Free
Will Baptists of Tennessee, when convened with
Church on Aug., 19.....

We have chosen our delegates to wit:

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Number of members who have ceased to affiliate
Total number in good standing

Financial Report

Amount on hand first of the year
Collected during the year
Total

Disbursements

E. and O. Campaign Convention Dues.....
Minutes of Convention Other expenses
Total disbursements
Balance on hand close of the year
Visits to see the sick Visits in interest of society
Charity calls Trays to sick Baskets to poor
Our day of meeting.....
This done by order of Ladies Aid Society at on this
day of 192

....., President.
....., Secretary.

CONSTITUTION FOR STATE CONVENTION.

ARTICLE I.—Name.

The name of this organization shall be the State Convention of Ladies Aid Societies of Free Will Baptist of Tennessee.

ARTICLE II.—Object.

The object of this organization shall be to unite the Ladies Aid Societies of the different Free Will Baptist Churches, for the purpose of promoting the cause of Christ in every way possible.

ARTICLE III.—Membership.

The membership of this organization shall be composed of all the societies which were enrolled as charter members, and all other societies which may be received by a majority vote of the members present at any annual meeting.

ARTICLE IV.—Officers.

The officers of this organization shall be a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Field Organizer, and Treasurer, all of whom shall be members of the Free Will Baptist Church in good standing. The officers shall be elected annually at the close of the annual session and shall perform such duties as are usually required of such officers.

ARTICLE V.—Committees.

This organization shall have an Executive Committee, with the President as Chairman, which shall consider all business matters during the recess of the convention, arrange programs and have the general oversight of the work. Such other committees as may be deemed necessary may also be appointed.

ARTICLE VI.—Reports.

All officers and chairman of committees shall make written reports of their work to the Convention during its annual sessions.

ARTICLE VII.—Representation.

Each local Ladies Aid Society belonging to this organization shall be entitled to two delegates to the State Convention with the president.

ARTICLE VIII.—Amendments.

The Constitution may be amended only by a two-thirds vote of the members attending the State Convention.

BY-LAWS.

Article I. Any society shall be eligible to membership who shall assume the obligation to stand by the Constitution and be governed by its laws.

Article II. Each society shall pay into the treasury of this Convention annually the sum of 25 cents for each of its members.

Article III. All money shall be paid out by order of the Convention and said order shall be signed by the Secretary and President.

Article IV. These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of all the members present at any annual meeting.

